

A *AMERICANS' patriotism soared during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Yellow ribbons, flags and support placards for our deployed troops decorated homes and businesses from coast to coast. SPC Charles Goff from III Corps and Fort Hood Public Affairs Office highlights how the local community rallied behind its soldiers. 🇺🇸*



▲ Many businesses in Killeen and Copperas Cove, Texas, put up yellow ribbons and signs supporting Fort Hood's deployed 4th Infantry Division soldiers.

► Ayana Ruffin, a Central Texas College student, places a yellow ribbon on one of the trees at the LBJ Plaza in front of the school's library.





▲ SSG George Alexander's son shows support for his Fort Hood-based dad.



▲ A Killeen resident attending the welcome-home ceremony for former POWs Ronald Young and David Williams proudly waves an American flag.

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